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TAGS: EEC, EFIS, PLOS

SUBJECT: US FISHERY OFF FRENCH GUIANA

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 5216, (B) EC BRUSSELS 5072,

1. AN OFFICIAL OF THE EC COMMISSION DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (AARTS) CALLED IN A MISSION OFFICER ON MAY 24 TO DELIVER A NOTE OFFICIALLY TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF THE EC REGULATION GOVERNING FISHING OFF FRENCH GUIANA (REF B). THE NOTE (WHICH IS INTERESTINGLY DATED MAY 25) CONTAINS NO ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS REGARDING PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN REQUESTING FISHING LICENSES AND IS MERELY A TRANSMITTAL DOCUMENT.

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2. IN PRESENTING THE NOTE, THE COMMISSION OFFICIAL APOLOGIZED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE FACT THAT THE U.S. WAS NOT INFORMED EARLIER OF THE SUGGESTED AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATION TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF VESSELS FISHING OFF FRENCH GUIANA. HE NOTED THAT THE MISSION SHOULD HAVE BEEN KEPT FULLY BRIEFED, ALBEIT UNOFFICIALLY, OF THE PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS. THE MISSION

OFFICER USED THE OCCASION TO EXPRESS OCE AGAIN USG  
OBJECTION TO THE EC ACTION FIXING LIMITS AND TO REPEAT  
OUR VIEW THAT THE RESTRICTION ON THE NUMBER OF FISHING  
VESSELS IS NOT NECESSARY, WILL REDUCE US FISHING AND  
CAUSE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP TO THE OVERALL INDUSTRY AND  
PROBABLY TO SHORE-BASED FACILITIES IN THE AREA, AND IS  
NOT CONSISTENT WITH OUR FISHING AGREEMENT WITH  
THE EC.

3. AN EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED  
THE MISSION THAT AT A MEETING ON MAY 23 OF FISHERY  
EXPERTS FROM THE MEMBER STATES, GALLAGHER DID CONVEY  
US OBJECTIONS TO THE EC LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF  
VESSELS. ALTHOUGH HE SAID SOME OFFICIALS WERE NOT  
VERY SYMPATHETIC TO THE US POSITION, THIS OFFICIAL RAISED  
SUSPICION IN THE MINDS OF SOME OFFICIALS AS TO THE  
VALIDITY OF FRENCH STATISTICS BY ASKING WHETHER THE  
FRENCH AVERAGE SHRIMP BOAT CATCH OF 60 TONS IS GROSS  
"CAUGHT WEIGHT" OR HEAD-OFF, READY-PEELED, PROCESSED  
WEIGHT DELIVERED TO THE FACTORY. HE THOUGHT MEMBER  
STATES MIGHT BE WILLING TO RECONSIDER THE BOAT  
LIMITATION IN VIEW OF THE LARGE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN US  
AND FRENCH FIGURES ON AVERAGE BOAT TAKE BUT THAT US DATA  
TO SUPPORT ITS POSITION WOULD HAVE TO MAKE VERY CLEAR  
WHETHER SEMI-PROCESSED OR RAW CATCH IS INVOLVED. PLEASE CLARIFY.  
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